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Item 1
Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the second regular session 2009 and agree on the work plan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2009. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report reflects the comments received.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a draft work plan for 2010 is being submitted to the Executive Board. The document will be finalized by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and will be submitted to the Board for adoption at its first regular session 2010.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan (DP/2009/L.3)

Report of the annual session 2009 (DP/2009/26)

Decisions adopted at the annual session 2009 (DP/2009/27)

Draft work plan for 2010 (DP/2009/CRP.3)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The report on the annual review of the financial situation, building on the financial information provided to the Executive Board throughout the year, undertakes a comprehensive review and analysis, from the financial perspective, of UNDP activities at the global and aggregate levels. The overview assesses the performance of the organization against the various sources for programming: regular resources, other resources, and UNDP-administered funds. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

In accordance with Governing Council decision 81/34, the Administrator is required to present, on an annual basis, a report on the technical cooperation information of the entire United Nations system. Its purpose is to examine regular and extrabudgetary expenditure financed from sources other than UNDP, UNFPA, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, and contributions received to finance technical cooperation activities, as well as to examine the expenditures and contributions data reported by the four organizations. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

As requested by the Executive Board at its annual session 2009, UNDP will present a report on the methodology and approach for the UNDP biennial support budget, 2010-2011. The report will present the key drivers and rationale of the proposed cost realignment, inter-agency results-based budget harmonization and baseline, UNDP cost classification benchmarking, and integration of cost recovery elements and

proportionality into the next biennial support budget, which will be presented to the Executive Board for approval at the first regular session 2010.

The Board may wish to endorse the proposed approach and methodology.

Documentation:

Annual review of the financial situation, 2008 (DP/2009/28)

Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2008 (DP/2009/28/Add.1)

Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures, 2008 (DP/2009/29)

Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures, 2008 – Addendum (DP/2009/29/Add.1)

Methodology and approach to the UNDP biennial support budget, 2010-2011 (DP/2009/30)

Item 3
Evaluation

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2006/20, the Board will have before it the independent review of the UNDP evaluation policy. The policy aims to establish a common institutional basis for the evaluation function in UNDP and seeks to increase transparency, coherence and efficiency in generating and using evaluative knowledge for organizational learning, managing for results and supporting accountability. The review assessed the performance of the evaluation function since the approval of the policy and the extent to which the organization has responded to its requirements. It covered the period from June 2006 to February 2009 and included UNDP and its associated funds and programmes and all UNDP-managed programmatic interventions. The review contains recommendations for further improvements, including revision of the current evaluation policy. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the key findings and recommendations.

The joint evaluation of the cooperation agreement between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and UNDP was undertaken in response to the requirement of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board to assess the performance of the agreement, signed in September 2004. The objective of the evaluation was to assess the extent to which the work carried out under the agreement succeeded in achieving the goals specified in it. In 2006, the UNDP Evaluation Office and the UNIDO Evaluation Group undertook a midterm assessment of the progress in the implementation of the cooperation agreement which was presented to the Executive Board at its first regular session 2007 (document DP/2007/7). The present evaluation builds on the previous study, and focuses on the period between 2006 and 2009 to present evidence and findings on past performance as well as recommendations for future steps to be taken by both organizations. The evaluation will be accompanied by a management response.

Documentation:

Review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2009/31)

Joint evaluation of the cooperation agreement between UNIDO and UNDP (DP/2009/32)

Management response to the joint evaluation of the cooperation agreement between UNIDO and UNDP (DP/2009/33)

Item 4
Country programmes and related matters

The note by the Administrator on assistance to Myanmar summarizes the findings and recommendations of the annual independent assessment of the UNDP Human Development Initiative (HDI) programme in Myanmar for the period December 2008 to May 2009. The assessment was conducted in accordance with the guidelines set out in Governing Council decision 93/21 and Executive Board decisions 98/14, 2001/15, 2003/2, 2004/2, 2005/3, 2005/42, 2006/2, 2006/31, and 2007/36. The document also presents a request for a one-year extension of the HDI phase 4 until 2011, and a request to revise the Administrator's authorization to allocate core resources and mobilize non-core resources the for the period 2008-2011. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Under this item, the Board will also be asked to: (a) take note of the one-year extension of the country programme for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; and (b) comment on the draft regional programme document for the Arab States and draft country programme documents for Argentina, Guatemala, Romania and Uganda, prior to their finalization.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Botswana, Burundi;

Arab States region: Lebanon;

Asia and the Pacific region: Afghanistan;

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States region: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan;

Latin America and the Caribbean States region: Ecuador.

Documentation:

Assistance to Myanmar - Note by the Administrator (DP/2009/34)

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2009/35)

Draft regional programme document for the Arab States (DP/RPD/RAS/2)

Draft country programme document for Uganda (DP/DCP/UGA/2)

Draft country programme document for Romania (DP/DCP/ROU/1)

Draft country programme document for Argentina (DP/DCP/ARG/2)

Draft country programme document for Guatemala (DP/DCP/GTM/2)

Item 5
United Nations Capital Development Fund

In its decision 2008/21, the Executive Board requested the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) to report on the implementation of its cost recovery policy at the second regular session 2009. With the agreement of the Board, the presentation of the report has been postponed to the first regular session 2010, to coincide with the presentation of the UNDP biennial support budget, 2010-2011. At the current session, UNCDF will report on its cost recovery approach based on three principles: (i) alignment with UNDP cost recovery policy and harmonization with the UNDG cost principles; (ii) moving towards a more equitable burden-sharing of management costs from regular and extra-budgetary resources; and (iii) ensuring effective allocation of extra-budgetary resources to improve programme delivery.

Item 6
United Nations Office for Project Services

The UNOPS strategic plan, 2010-2013, of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) focuses and articulates the organization's role as a provider of management services that contribute significantly to United Nations peacebuilding, humanitarian and development operations. Guided by a set of core values and principles, the strategic plan identifies high-level goals to which UNOPS will contribute and the anticipated demand for its services. The Executive Board may wish to approve the strategic plan and the proposals therein.

In its resolution 39/220 of 1984, the General Assembly established the need for recurrent reporting of statistical data on procurement undertaken by organizations of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities. As of 2008 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2007/38, the Executive Director of UNOPS has assumed the responsibility of compiling and submitting this report. The 2008 report features a supplement on sustainable procurement providing an overview of the international debate, case studies and contributions from practitioners and international experts. In addition, the report features a trend analysis of United Nations procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Documentation:

UNOPS strategic plan, 2010-2013 (DP/2009/36)

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations (DP/2009/37)

Item 7
United Nations Development Fund for Women

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2009/13, the Board will have before it the document on criteria and methodology for regular ('core') resources allocation, accompanied by the letter from the Chair of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to the UNDP Administrator dated 27 May 2009. The document provides information on the current criteria and methodology for regular resources allocation and options for future distribution of resources. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Criteria and methodology for regular resources allocation (DP/2009/38)

Joint segment

Item 8
Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it a report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. The report focuses on implementation of decisions from the 23rd PCB meeting, held in December 2008, as well as plans for follow-up on the decisions of the 24th PCB meeting held in June 2009. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2009/39–DP/FPA/2009/14).

Item 9
Internal audit and oversight

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2008/37, UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will present oral reports on the implementation of the decision on internal audit and oversight.

UNFPA segment

Item 10
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011, in the results-based budget format. The budget estimates total $274.5 million (gross) and $236.3 million (net). The budget takes into account current global economic uncertainties. It also incorporates efficiency gains in several areas that UNFPA identified in response to Executive Board decision 2008/6.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011.

The Executive Board will also have before it the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the UNFPA estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011. The Board may wish to take note of this report.

In addition, the Executive Board will have before it the report on the revision of UNFPA financial regulations and rules. Beginning in 2010, UNFPA will adopt the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) in a phased approach. The proposed revisions are necessary to enable UNFPA to begin adopting IPSAS in 2010.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and approve the revisions to the financial regulations contained therein. The Board may also wish to take note of the revisions to the financial rules.

The comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on the revision of UNFPA financial regulations and rules will be made available during the Executive Board session. The Board may wish to take note of these comments.

Documentation:

Estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011 (DP/FPA/2009/10)

Report of the ACABQ on estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011 (DP/FPA/2009/11)

Revision of UNFPA financial regulations and rules (DP/FPA/2009/12)

Comments of the ACABQ on the revision of UNFPA financial regulations and rules (will be made available during the session).

Item 11
Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, 11 country programmes, which were discussed earlier at the annual session 2009, would be approved by the Executive Board on a no-objection basis, without discussion or

presentation, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board. The country programmes for approval by the Board at the second regular session 2009 are as follows: from Africa: Botswana and Burundi; from Arab States: Lebanon; from Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan; from Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; and from Latin America and the Caribbean: Ecuador.

The Executive Board will also have before it for discussion two draft country programme documents for Uganda in the Africa region; and Guatemala in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the two draft country programme documents and the comments made thereon.

Documentation:

Draft country programme document for Uganda (DP/FPA/DCP/UGA/7)

Draft country programme document for Guatemala (DP/FPA/DCP/GUA/6)

Item 12
Other matters

UNFPA will provide an informal briefing on the 2010 round of censuses.

TENTATIVE WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2009
(8 to 11 September 2009, New York)

Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Tuesday, 8 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session • Adoption of the report of the annual session 2009
			UNFPA segment
			STATEMENT BY THE UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		10	UNFPA: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011 • Report of the ACABQ on estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011 • Revision of UNFPA regulations and rules • Comments of the ACABQ on the revision of UNFPA regulations and rules
	3 - 6 p.m.	10	UNFPA: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
		11	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of country programmes • Draft country programme documents
Wednesday, 9 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment**
			STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Annual review of the financial situation, 2008 • Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures, 2008 • Methodology and approach to the UNDP biennial support budget, 2010-2011
	3 – 4:30 p.m.	2	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
			Informal consultations on the UNDP and UNIFEM biennial support budgets, 2010-2011
	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.		*UNDP thematic debate*
	5:30 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 10 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7	UNIFEM • Report on the criteria for resource allocations
		3	EVALUATION • Review of the evaluation policy • Evaluation of the cooperation agreement between UNIDO and UNDP and the management response

		4	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of country programme documents • Draft regional and country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes • Assistance to Myanmar – Note by the Administrator
	3 - 5 p.m.	5	UNCDF • The UNCDF approach to cost recovery
			UNOPS segment
		6	UNOPS • UNOPS strategic plan, 2010-2013 • Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations 2008 (decision 2007/38)
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday,			**Joint segment**
11 September	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	8	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING • Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
		9	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT • Oral reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of decision 2008/37 on internal audit and oversight
	12 - 1 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
	3 – 4 p.m.		UNFPA briefing on the 2010 round of censuses
	4 – 6 p.m.	12	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Draft work plan for 2010 • Tentative work plan for the first regular session 2010